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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *29 July 2007*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1,3-7,9-13,15 and 16* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-16* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 2, 8, and 14 are presently cancel.

2. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-16 are presently pending.

Response to Amendment

3. Applicant moves dependent claims 2, 8, and 14 and adds them to independent claims 1, 7, and 13 respectively. And applicant argues the limitations are not taught by the applied reference. However, applicant's argument is not persuasive.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 05/23/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argument regarding applied reference failure to disclose "any reset circuit, step, or means related to the security features....in other words secure information loaded into the integrated circuit by operation thereof is erased/cleared/reset by the reset circuit, step or means", as recited in claims 1, 7, and 13, remark page 6 par. 2-4. Argument is not persuasive, because applied reference Bianco discloses an electrical circuit having a plurality of subscircuits and a set-scan test input for testing said subcircuits in a set/scan test mode and some of subcircuits being sensitive subcircuits (see claim 1 and abstract). Bionco teaches inhibiting set/scan access to sensitive subcircutes by erasing PROM that contains an address for each sensitive subcircuit (see col. 6 lines 17-31).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bianco et al. USPN 5,357,572.

Regarding claim 1, Bianco et al. discloses an integrated circuit (fig. 1, 3, and 6) having scan test features (col. 2 lines 29-col. 3 lines 12) and including:

a scan test signal interceptor (fig. 1 element 14, fig. 3, element 14b, and fig. 6 element 14) for intercepting scan test related signals applied to the integrated circuit (col. 4 lines 7-29, col. 4 lines 63-68, and col. 6 lines 17-39); and

a security element responsive to the scan test signal interceptor to preclude retrieval of secure information within the integrated circuit using the scan test related signals (claim 1, col. 2 lines 48-58, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

wherein the security element comprises:

a reset generator to reset secure information within the integrated circuit (see col. 6 lines 19-31, col. 5 lines 19-36, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

Regarding claim 7, Bianco et al. discloses a method operable within an integrated circuit (fig. 1, 3, and 6) to prevent unauthorized access to secure information (col. 2 lines 29-col. 3 lines 12), the method comprising:

detecting application of a scan test related signal to the integrated circuit (col. 4 lines 7-29, col. 4 lines 63-68, and col. 6 lines 17-39); and

precluding access to the secure information in response to detection of the scan test related signal (claim 1, col. 2 lines 48-58, and col. 4 lines 7-28);

wherein the step of precluding includes:

resetting elements of the integrated circuit to reset the secure information (see col. 6 lines 19-31, col. 5 lines 19-36, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

Regarding claim 13, Bianco et al. discloses a system including an integrated circuit (fig. 1, 3, and 6) having a scan test capability (col. 2 lines 29-col. 3 lines 12), the system comprising:

means for detecting scan test operation of the integrated circuit (col. 4 lines 7-29, col. 4 lines 63-68, and col. 6 lines 17-39); and

means for precluding retrieval of secure information within the integrated circuit in response to detecting scan test operation (claim 1, col. 2 lines 48-58, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

wherein the means for precluding includes:

reset means for resetting the secure information within the integrated circuit to preclude retrieval thereof using scan test operation (see col. 6 lines 19-31, col. 5 lines 19-36, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

Regarding claim 3, Bianco et al. discloses the integrated circuit wherein the scan test signal interceptor is operable to sense a request to enter scan test (col. 3 lines 66-col. 4 lines 28).

Regarding claim 4, Bianco et al. discloses the integrated circuit wherein the reset generator is

operable to reset secure information in response the request to enter scan test (claim 1, col. 2 lines 48-58, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

Regarding claim 5, Bianco et al. discloses the integrated circuit wherein the scan test signal interceptor is operable to sense a request to exit scan test (claim 1, col. 2 lines 48-58, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

Regarding claim 6, Bianco et al. discloses the integrated circuit wherein the reset generator is operable to reset secure information in response the request to exit scan test (claim 1, col. 2 lines 48-58, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

Regarding claim 9, Bianco et al. discloses the method wherein the step of detecting includes: detecting a signal applied to the integrated circuit requesting entry to scan test col. 3 lines 66-col. 4 lines 28).

Regarding claim 10, Bianco et al. discloses the method wherein the step of resetting includes: resetting elements of the integrated circuit in response to detection of the request to enter scan test (claim 1, col. 2 lines 48-58, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

Regarding claim 11, Bianco et al. discloses the method wherein the step of detecting includes: detecting a signal applied to the integrated circuit requesting exit from scan test (claim 1, and col. 2 lines 48-58).

Regarding claim 12, Bianco et al. discloses the method wherein the step of resetting includes: resetting elements of the integrated circuit in response to detection of the request to exit scan test (col. 2 lines 48-58, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

Regarding claim 15, Bianco et al. discloses the system wherein the reset means is operable to generate a reset within the integrated circuit in response to sensing entry to scan test of the integrated circuit col. 3 lines 66-col. 4 lines 28).

Regarding claim 16, Bianco et al. discloses the system wherein the reset means is operable to generate a reset within the integrated circuit in response to sensing exit from scan test of the integrated circuit (claim 1, and col. 4 lines 7-28).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 6990387 B1 and US 6499124 B1.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

8. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eleni A. Shiferaw whose telephone number is 571-272-3867. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser R. Moazzami can be reached on (571) 272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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